GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SAMPLING OF PACKAGED WATER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations from the representatives of packaged drinking water industry regarding sampling and investigations by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(b) if so, whether the Industry has requested for the provision of second sampling in case of failure of the first sample; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir.

(c) : The decision of issuing stop marking instructions after receiving failure of the first sample, was taken in July, 2003. However, since stop marking orders amounted to temporary closure of the unit, which has caused difficulties to the BIS licensees, the procedure has been reviewed and amended in February, 2005.